

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to raise awareness for dystonia and its effect on those who suffer from the disorder.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION to raise awareness for dystonia and its
2 effect on those who suffer from the disorder.

3 *Whereas, Persons suffering from dystonia endure involuntary muscle*
4 *contractions that cause uncontrollable repetitive or twisting*
5 *movements of the affected body part;*

6 *Whereas, Dystonia can be divided into three groups: idiopathic,*
7 *genetic, and acquired;*

8 *Whereas, Dystonia affects 300,000 people in North America;*

9 *Whereas, To date, there is no cure for persons diagnosed with*
10 *dystonia;*

11 *Whereas, Symptoms may range from mild to severe and may*
12 *interfere with the performance of many day-to-day tasks;*

13 *Whereas, Unfortunately, few doctors, outside a select group of*
14 *specialists, know enough about dystonia to be able to screen and refer*
15 *patients appropriately;*

16 *Whereas, The cause of this devastating disorder is unknown, but*
17 *researchers theorize that it may result from an abnormality in or*
18 *damage to the basal ganglia or other brain regions that control*
19 *movement; and*

20 *Whereas, Through knowledge, understanding, and research, the pain*
21 *and suffering caused by dystonia can be greatly reduced or even*
22 *eliminated in the very near future: Therefore,*



1 *Be it resolved by the Senate*
2 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

3 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges that all necessary steps
4 be taken to raise awareness about this debilitating disorder in order that
5 significant progress may be made to eliminate dystonia.

6 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
7 Secretary of the Senate to the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation,
8 Rick Staab from Tyler's Hope For A Dystonia Cure, Inc., and Noel
9 Valero from the American Dystonia Society.

